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**FROM LORD FAIRFAX.<sup>1</sup>**

Sept. 1. 1756.

SIR,

Your I rec'd last night with the melancholy account of the people on Potomack deserting their plantations. I had ordered Capt. Paris to relieve Capt. Caton with thirty six men from several Companies of their party, as I had notice of the disagreement between him & Capt. Swearingen who has alway done every thing in his power to occasion confusion if his advice was not taken in every thing. Capt. Paris is to meet his detachment at Mr John Wytes on Friday and to proceed to Potomack. If any further assistance is wanting nothing shall be omitted in the power of

Sir Yr humble servt. FAIRFAX.

<sup>1</sup> Thomas, sixth Lord Fairfax, and Baron of Cameron, born 1691. Son of Thomas, Lord Fairfax, and Catherine, daughter of Lord Culpepper. He remained all through the Revolution a stanch loyalist, and died at "Greenway Court," December 11, 1781. He was succeeded by his only surviving brother, Robert, seventh Lord Fairfax, who died at Leeds Castle, England, in 1791. Bryan, son of William Fairfax, of "Belvoir," succeeded to the title, and was eighth and last Lord Fairfax.